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Office Letter

The amendment filed 8/1/00 proposes changes to the non original patent claims 20-23. This amendment however, will not be entered and isn't completely responsive since it doesn't comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b) which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. Specifically, any change to a new claim (i.e., a claim not found in the patent that was previously presented in the reissue application) must be done by presenting the amended "new" claim containing the amendatory material, and then **completely** underling the claim. See MPEP page 1400-42 (Feb.2000) A supplemental amendment correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or 30 DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry to any specific features of this communication from the examiner should be directed to A. Falik whose telephone number is (703) 308-1283. Any inquiry of a general nature such as relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861. Facsimile correspondence for this application should be sent to (703) 305-3463.



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